

Kingdoms in West Africa Develop

Causes

- People become farmers.
- Gold and salt are widely available.
- Muslim merchants are attracted to Ghana.
- Mansa Musa converts to Islam.
- Mandinka people are defeated; Sundiata survives.
- Internal disputes weaken Mali.

Event

- Food surplus exists.
- One product is traded for another.
- Muslims work in government and other areas.
- Mansa Musa makes pilgrimage to Mecca.
- Sundiata crushes enemies, controls gold routes.
- Songhai takes over.

Effects

- Trade develops between villages.
- Cities develop along trade routes.
- Ghana sees improvements in military, business, and written language.
- Ties are forged with other Muslim states.
- Empire of Mali is founded.
- Songhai becomes largest West African state.